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change shop which might buy it for a certain sum or sell it on the local market for the highest offer. In a transaction of the latter type the customer generally pays a commission of five percent to the shop. It is estimated that the paper transactions on this market is from 5000 to 2000 taels of gold daily and that 1000 to 2000 taels of gold actually exchange hands.

5. Gold bars vary in size generally from one to ten taels, according to the customer's requirements. In the Canton money exchange transactions gold bars of one, two, five and ten taels are most common. A one-tael bar of gold is rectangular in shape, one inch in length, five-eighths inch in width, and one-eighth inch in thickness. Each bar has three markings: (a) the weight of the bar, such as 1.00 for one tael, 5.00 for five taels, etc., (b) the chop of the gold shop making the gold bar, (c) the gold content percentage.
6. In addition to gold bars there are various types of gold coins which are being bought and sold in the Canton exchange market. The most common of these gold coins are in denominations of two, five, and twenty dollar gold pieces. The Chinese designate the twenty-dollar gold piece as "pa pu ta chin" (一十大大金), the ten-dollar piece as "ssu ssu chin" (四四金), the five-dollar piece as "erh erh chin" (二二金), and the two-fifty piece as "yi yi chin" (一一金). There are a few English and Australian pound notes on the market. The Australian pound is termed "erh yi chin" (二一金).
7. The majority of the gold coins have entered the local Canton market from the districts of Taishan (112-48,22-15), Enping (112-19,22-12), Hsia-hui (113-03,22-31), Kaiping (112-31,22-31), and Chungshan (113-36,22-22). A very large number of the inhabitants of these districts were Overseas Chinese who had accumulated a great quantity of gold coins, which they brought with them when they returned to China. During the war years when their remittances from abroad were severed, they were obliged to sell these coins. However, now that remittances from abroad are being received, there is a great demand on the part of the people of these districts for gold and gold coins.

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